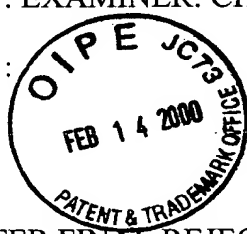


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Responsive to the Final Rejection dated July 12, 1999, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the following amendments and remarks.

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Please amend the claims as follows. For the Examiner's convenience, all of the pending claims are reproduced below.

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~~--7. (Amended) An agglutination immunoassay for detecting an antigen in a sample, comprising:~~

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~~(a) sequentially contacting the sample with
(i) a first antibody which is capable of specifically binding to a first binding site on the antigen, wherein the first antibody is immobilized on an insoluble carrier, and then~~

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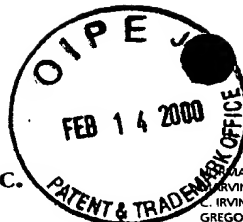
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